



THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

KEEPING IN TOUCH – Please pass on to all your members
Week Ending 14 November, 2009

1. **Results - 2009 Auckland Astronomical Society Astrophotography Competition**

The Auckland Astronomical Society is pleased to announce the winning entries for this years Astrophotography Competition. With well over 80 entries from around New Zealand, it took the judges Associate Professor Phil Yock and Dr Ian Bond, quite some time to find their winning entries. The AAS would like to thank the photographers for taking part in the competition and the two judges for the time and effort it took deciding on the winners.

Congratulations to the following people for their outstanding photography.

Deep Sky Section

Winner – John Drummond, Gisborne: (M42) The Great Orion Nebula

Highly Commended – Tony Kwak, Whangarei: (NGC2070) The Tarantula Nebula

Solar System Section

Winner – Kenric Ma, Auckland: Solar Corona

Highly Commended – Ian Cooper, Palmerston North: Comet McNaught

Artistic/Miscellaneous

Winner – John Drummond, Gisborne: The Antares Region

Highly Commended – Stuart Parker, Oxford: Three Supernovae

Special Award – Technical Achievement

Maurice Collins, Palmerstone North: 3x Barlow 1st Quarter Moon Mosaic

Harry Williams Trophy for Astrophotography Excellence

John Drummond, Gisborne: (M42) The Great Orion Nebula



John Drummond and the Harry Williams Trophy
Picture Grant Christie

If you would like to view all the Section entries, they can be found in PDF format as downloadable photo albums on the AAS website www.astronomy.org.nz A photo album for the winning entries can be found on RASNZ website www.rasnz.org.nz



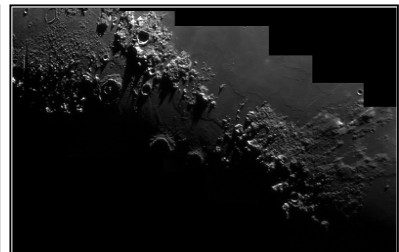
Deep Sky - M42



Solar System - Solar Corona



Artistic - Antares Region



Special Award – 1st Quarter Moon Mosaic

2. **Last Call - RASNZ IYA NZ 2009 Full Colour A1 Posters**

We have a few posters left for sale. If you would like one, please get your order in as soon as possible. The price per poster is \$7.00 and even cheaper if you purchase more. For further information including pricing and ordering see RASNZ, www.rasnz.org.nz/Sales/Sales.html

3. **Now for Sale - The New Zealand Astronomical Yearbook 2010**

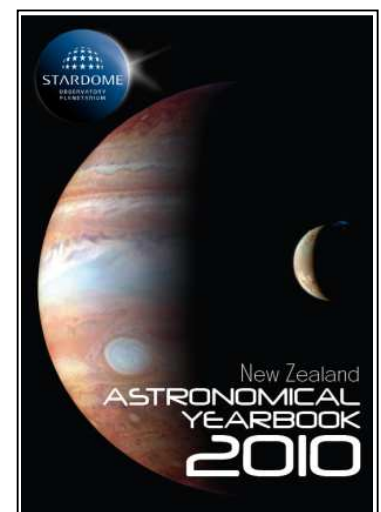
The Stardome Observatory is now taking orders for the 2010 Astronomical Year Book. Price per book \$16.50 with Postage and Packaging determined by the number of books ordered.

Please place your order by sending an email with the following detail;

Contact Name, Societies Name, Postal Address & Number of books required and email your order to Barbara Leyland barbaral@stardome.org.nz by the 25th of November 2009.

4. **Customised Planispheres for all Latitudes**

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